Our journey with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) started way back in November at the Imagine What’s NEXT United Methodist Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. It was there that we heard about ASP from 2012 summer staffer, Kyle Ducharme. Already, God was answering our prayers because the Wesley Foundation leadership for Kennesaw had been seeking a mission opportunity for our students since the beginning of the semester.

After the NEXT conference we decided to set up a mission trip with ASP Jonesville, Virginia in Lee County. We knew that God would move in powerful ways as we saw him assemble our team of six and implant a passion within us for the people of Lee County.

The day finally came, after weeks of prayer and preparation, for us to leave for Virginia. Arriving at the Jonesville Center later in the evening, we didn't know what to expect because everyone was out working. After settling in our rooms, we met out on the big porch for our first devotional within our group.

On first review, the Collett's application for home repair through Appalachia Service Project (ASP) didn't seem all too remarkable.

The list was long: foundation crumbling, leaking roof, rotted flooring, drafty/leaking coal burning stove pipe, non-existent siding, and more. And, the application included the almost-always-present anxious plea for help.

What wasn’t listed, but was self-evident, was what this family really needed: just a little warmth ... safety ... help ... and HOPE. But how do these miracles happen?

Not the kind who wear wings and halos, but the kind who put on blue jeans and sneakers and spend a
day, weekend, or even a week or two being a blessing to someone in need.

Several years ago, one family described their ASP volunteer work crew as her "angels in blue jeans" -- and we thought it was the best description ever of the kind of people who give their time, money and hard work to help families in desperate need.

Every year, more than 16,000 of these angels from 32+ states come to Appalachia to repair hundreds of homes for families living in poverty, poor health and other hard situations.

But with over 60,000 homes in this area that either lack indoor plumbing, electricity or adequate insulation, we urgently need more ANGELS ... Will you help us recruit more ANGELS willing to work a miracle with saws, ladders and the love of Jesus Christ?

To order your "Angels in Blue Jeans" t-shirt now, Click Here to make a gift. In the comments section tell us what size t-shirt you need. For every gift of $48.75 or more we'll send you an angels in Blue Jeans t-shirt.

Check out ASP's 2012 Christmas Catalog, Christmas Miracles, and help needy families by making a gift from this catalog.

ASP Announces 2013 Theme: Radical Reversal

The 2013 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) theme, Radical Reversal, aims to communicate that, as followers of Christ, we are to model Christ’s teaching and lifestyle as those who think of others before thinking of themselves.

The theme, Radical Reversal, is based on the New Testament text found in Mark 10:43-45 that says, “…Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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ASP brings new homes & hope to Johnson City flood victims

When the heavens opened and the floodwaters rose in the Dry Creek community of Washington County/Johnson City, Tenn. last month, government and community leaders quickly recognized the impact of the devastation. But they didn’t stand by idly. They asked Appalachia Service Project (ASP)--just named just named the Tri-Cities’ “Most Popular Charity”--to consider helping to re-build and restore both homes and hope.

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Appalachia Service Project (ASP) provides life-changing short-term Christian mission trip opportunities -- bringing youth, adult, and college volunteers into rural Central Appalachia to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need. So come on and join us! You'll raise roofs. Fix floors. And build a whole new you!